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Federal Communications Commission  
Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Commissioner Robert M. McDowell  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: WT Docket Number 11-65

Dear Chairman Genachowski and FCC Commissioners:

I have been privileged to serve at many levels of the Democratic Party in North Carolina and in 2003 founded the state party's African American Caucus. I am also part of the leadership team of the North Carolina NAACP.

This experience has provided me with an outlet to work for better access for African Americans in North Carolina to economic opportunity, education, health care and housing. Access to broadband technology is another vital need that will profoundly affect the quality of life for African Americans in our state in the years ahead. This need is not limited to people of color, but minority families are much more likely to live in areas underserved by broadband communications.

It is this reality which prompts me to support the merger of AT&T Wireless with T-Mobile. More exactly, it is the broadband benefits this merger would produce which lead me to support it. Every family --- Black, White or Hispanic --- would get access to the same speeds and performance. This would be an important application of digital equality.

The investment in new technology triggered by the merger has the added advantage of serving the public good without taxing the strained public purse. I am confident that after your review you will find this transaction to be in the public interest and am thankful for the opportunity to share my opinions with you here today.

Sincerely



Stella Adams